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Ike Favours U.S. Aid In Next Aswan Stage

WASHINGTON (Reuter).—President Eisenhower told his press conference yesterday that the U.S. would support World Bank financing of further stages of the Aswan Dam being built by the United Arab Republic.

Work on the first stage of construction of the dam began last week with Soviet financial help.

Mr. Eisenhower was asked whether the U.S. was considering offering help to the U.A.R. for the building of further stages of the massive project on the Nile.

He replied that they were now trying to do that through the World Bank. He described the bank as the most knowledgeable instrument available to the West to support such public works.

He said the World Bank had a very fine engineering exploratory service. The U.N. Special Fund was doing a very fine job in its pre-exploratory efforts, he added.

All in all, the U.S. would look at the Aswan Dam in the same way it would look at anything else, the President said.

'No Comment'

A World Bank spokesman maintained a strict "no comment" on the President's remarks. He declined to say whether the bank was at present considering aid for the Dam.

Officials of the U.A.R. Embassy expressed frank puzzlement at Mr. Eisenhower's comments. They said that to their knowledge the World Bank was not now considering supporting the Aswan Dam.

In London, a usually reliable source said the British Government does not at present consider contributing to the financing of the second stage of the Aswan Dam.

However, the British Government would not try to dissuade the World Bank or individual British firms from contributing if they wished to do so, it was stated.

Part of U.S. Loan To Israel Now Grant

POST Political Reporter

A new $4.5m. U.S. grant for the construction of public buildings and schools as part of a slum-clearance scheme has been allocated to Israel.

The grant represents 15 per cent of the $30.2m. allocated to Israel under the annual Food Surplus Agreement. Up to now, all the money had to be repaid in Israel pounds into a special exchange fund. From now on, however, this 15 per cent will be considered a grant, and not a loan, and will not be subject to repayment. The remaining 85 per cent is still repayable under several agreements.

Macmillan Pledges UK Aid to New Countries

LAGOS (Reuter). — Mr. Harold Macmillan pledged Britain's continued interest in the peoples of the under-developed countries when he addressed the opening session of the new Nigerian Federal Parliament here yesterday.

The British Prime Minister, speaking after the state opening of Parliament by the Governor-General, Sir James Robertson, said the primary purpose of British policy was the "preservation of peace with justice and rising prosperity throughout the world."

If it had borne no other fruit, Nigeria's association with Britain had led to the creation of a united country, he said.

In Salisbury, Rhodesia, leading Africans and members of African advisory boards have refused an invitation to a civic lunch in honour of the British Prime Minister, Mr. Macmillan, on January 20th.

The Africans say they are protesting against racial discrimination by Salisbury hotels.

They went on: "We don't want to be used merely as a showpiece for the Prime Minister's visit, then discriminated against again almost immediately he has left."

UK Proposal To Bridge Gap In Europe's Trade

PARIS (Reuter). — Britain proposed at the 13-nation Economic Conference meeting yesterday that a small body should be set up to try to bridge the gap between the six Common Market countries and the Outer Seven.

Mr. Douglas Dillon, U.S. Under-Secretary of State for Economic Affairs, on Tuesday had warned the Conference that the division into two trading groups might lead to political and economic friction and weaken the Western Alliance.

His speech, setting out U.S. policy, said that American trade "can be kept liberal only in so far as other major trading countries also pursue liberal policies."

Switzerland yesterday urged that Europe should "put its own house in order" before embarking on the wide-scale western economic reorganization suggested by the U.S.

M. Max Petitpierre, head of the Swiss Federation, said a settlement between the two European groups must precede other moves to stimulate aid to under-developed countries.

Three U.S. resolutions were put before the conference, urging: a "successor" to the Organization for European Economic Cooperation (OEEC) with the U.S. and Canada as full members; a group of seven: the U.S., Britain, Canada, France, Italy, West Germany and a Common Market delegate — to co-ordinate and expand aid to other countries; and the Common Market and Outer Seven to resolve their problems in the light of fair-trading rules of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT).

The Conference adjourned early yesterday evening, and was expected to discuss later a British proposal that a committee of nine — three Common Market countries, three Outer Seven countries, the U.S., Canada and probably Greece — should be set up to consider procedures for settling disputes between the two European trading groups.

Not Overawed By Soviet Missiles

WASHINGTON (Reuter). — President Eisenhower, answering a questioner at a press conference in Washington yesterday, said that he would not go to the Summit Meeting with Mr. Nikita Khrushchev with any sense of inferiority.

A reporter had asked him to comment on the argument advanced by defence critics that the President would be at a disadvantage in negotiations with the Soviet Union because the U.S. would be second-best in the missile field.

The President replied that such an argument presupposed that he would go to any conversation with a feeling of inferiority and that he was a little bit frightened. He could assure his questioner that he was not. He believed in U.S. power, which was not there to be used but to make certain that the other fellow did not use his.

Would Be 'Unusual'

In reply to other questions, the President said it would seem very unusual if the U.S. protested against the announced Soviet plan to fire a new powerful rocket in the Central Pacific. The U.S. had done the same thing itself, intended to do it again, and had always claimed the right to use the high seas for valid scientific experiments.

Asked about Sir Anthony Eden's memoirs, the President said there was never any U.S. plan to intervene in the war in Indo-China.

He paid tribute to Sir Anthony, the former British Prime Minister, whom he said he had known since the beginning of the Second World War.

The President said Sir Anthony was not an irresponsible person and was writing his story as he believed it to be.

Quoted Dulles

Sir Anthony's memoirs were critical of the late John Foster Dulles and quoted a memorandum in which the former British Prime Minister told his Cabinet that the Americans had shown no clear conception of the military operations which he said they had proposed in the Indo-China war.

Regarding former President Truman's suggestion that he should invite Democratic Senators to accompany him to the Summit Meeting with Mr. Khrushchev, the President said that it would be a good idea if the Summit produced a treaty which required Senate ratification.

The President said he could not discuss the talks he held with Mr. Nehru, the Indian Prime Minister, in New Delhi last month, but he said Mr. Nehru had shown a very splendid grasp of the situation in areas in which he was particularly involved.

In reply to another question, he said he was instinctively opposed to any idea that the U.S. should be first to use chemical or germ warfare.

U.S. Outer Space Project Pushed

WASHINGTON (UPI).—The Government on Wednesday ordered an early start on ultra-powerful upper stages for the Saturn Rocket designed for missions to the moon and planets.

The upper stages will be powered by liquid hydrogen and liquid oxygen. The Saturn, an eight-engine booster capable of generating 1,500,000 pounds of thrust, is scheduled for 1961-62. The first full-fledged space mission probably will be undertaken in 1964-65.

22 KILLED, 200 HURT IN PERU EARTHQUAKE

LIMA, Peru (UPI). — At least 22 persons were killed and 200 injured yesterday in an earthquake which devastated Arequipa, Peru's second largest city.

The government rushed emergency medical aid by plane to the stricken region, some 500 miles south-east of Lima. (The earth tremor was registered on seismographs in Chile and Mexico).

Most of Peru was shaken by the sharp minute-long tremor. But historic Arequipa, nestling at the foot of Misti Volcano, was said to be hardest hit.

DOCTORATE OF LAW FOR MOROCCAN KING

CAIRO (Reuter).— King Mohammed of Morocco, at present on a state visit to the U.A.R. was on Wednesday awarded an honorary doctorate of law at a ceremony at Cairo University.

Bonn Warned by Growing Anti-German Wave in Britain

LONDON (Reuter). — The German Embassy here was yesterday awaiting instructions from Bonn as to whether it should take any action about the alleged dismissal of Germans employed by British firms.

This was revealed following comments at an "off-record" press conference for German correspondents at the Embassy on Tuesday. Yesterday the Embassy spokesman, Dr. Christian Huebener, said the Embassy was disturbed that some of these comments had leaked out.

At a press conference Dr. Joachim von Ritter, West German Chargé d'Affaires in the absence of the Ambassador, Mr. Hans von Herwarth, was reported to have revealed the alleged dismissals.

He was understood to have mentioned these cases to emphasize the strength of feeling which the anti-Semitic incidents have aroused in Britain and which some West German officials believe has been underestimated by the West German public.

No Details Given

An official of the British Foreign Office yesterday declined to give any details about the number of Germans dismissed or the firms involved. "We hope the matter will now die down for the sake of Anglo-German relations," he said.

He denied that a visit to Scotland by German naval units had been postponed, and said the German escort vessels would call at Scottish ports as planned from January 29 to February 3.

In West Berlin, however, the chief spokesman of the City Government said that a tour of Britain by the city tourist department's "Information Bus" had been postponed due to an urgent request by the West German Embassy in London.

Meanwhile, the Frankfurt evening newspaper, the "Abendpost," reporting on the "off-record" interview (the only major West German paper to do so), said that in addition to the dismissals in London, German trade representatives are no longer received, German goods are being boycotted, and the biggest British store has removed German products from its displays.

It quoted Chargé d'Affaires Ritter as saying that Germans were being insulted in the streets and that "friendly relations between Germans and Britons established since the war had been almost completely broken off."

In Frankfurt last night, several hundred members of youth organizations and schools gathered in a torchlight protest against anti-Semitism at the place where one of Frankfurt's former synagogues stood.

Lays Bouquets

A girl laid a large bouquet of mimosa at the memorial plaque.

In London the Bonn Embassy spokesman confirmed that it was still receiving threatening letters connected with anti-Semitic incidents. About 20 arrived last week, he said. About half were from self-proclaimed "British Nazis" who attacked Bonn's "tolerance towards the Jews," while the other half condemned West Germany for being too lax towards former Nazis.

It was announced in London that the Association of Jewish ex-Servicemen and Women would stage a silent march on Sunday through London to the West German Embassy to hand a letter of protest.

In a statement the Association said that a number of incidents "bear the hallmark of a more insidious organizing source... Nazism exists and is becoming more virulent and undisguised day by day."

Anti-Nazi Film Featured in U.K.

By S. J. GOLDSMITH
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

LONDON. — A seven-minute, 600-foot Pathé-- film, "The Menace of Anti-Semitism," is being screened today (Thursday) at 2,000 British cinemas, including 80 first-run houses, as well as in Germany and other European countries.

Not one British cinema refused the film, prepared by the Pathé organization as a top-priority project within the last few days. The short is taking the place of routine newsreels for the next six weeks.

Edited by Thomas Cummins, and with John Snagge as commentator, it opens with a powerful introduction by Reverend Donald Soper, religious leader and former Moderator of the Free Church Assembly, it is reliably learned that the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr. Fisher, was invited to introduce the film, but declined.

Mr. Cummins informed me that "Pathé normally avoids politics, but this theme has been treated as a major national issue, on the level of the 'war effort' during the Second World War."

"The cinema," he said, "is the world's most powerful propaganda weapon, and Pathé decided that it must be placed at the disposal of decency, humanity and democracy, in fighting neo-Nazism generally and anti-Semitism in particular."

The film shows the present outrages, including the defacing of the Cologne Synagogue, and then flashbacks to the rise of Nazism. It builds up through the boycotts against the Jews and the book-burnings, culminating with Dachau and its victims.

The final shots return to Berlin for the anti-Nazi torchlight march staged there last week. Then Reverend Soper returns to sum up: "It is the plain duty of every human being worthy of the name to oppose this evil strenuously, continuously and finally, and to eradicate it now!"

The German Bishop Dibelius is arriving this weekend to consult with British clergy on a joint fight against neo-Nazism and anti-Semitism.

Argentina Acts On Israel's Note

POST Political Reporter

The Argentinian Ambassador in Israel, Mr. Rodolfo Garcia Arias, on Wednesday called on the Acting Director-General of the Foreign Ministry, Mr. Ya'acov Tsur, to inform him officially of the steps taken by Argentina's Government against the several anti-Semitic incidents that took place in that country.

Argentina is thus the first country to act formally on the Israel note against the recent anti-Semitic outbreak, which was submitted to its Government earlier this week.

Yesterday's meeting in Jerusalem took place on instructions from the Argentinian Government, and Mr. Garcia's official statement emphasized his Government's outright condemnation of the anti-Semitic outbreak, which, although limited to individual incidents, would be dealt with firmly.

In London yesterday, the British Foreign Office spokesman said Britain was not planning to answer the Israel note which, he said, "did not call for a reply."

The Austrian Cabinet, meeting in Vienna, after hearing reports of Interior Minister Josef Afritsch on the latest anti-Semitic incidents, ordered the Minister to take all necessary steps to find the culprits.

New Swastikas In Cyprus, Holland

Swastikas appeared again yesterday in Cyprus and Holland.

Three swastikas were found daubed in Limassol — one on the wall of the Italian Consul's house, another on a house occupied by an Israel engineer and the third on a petrol pump. It was the second outbreak of swastika-daubing in Cyprus in the last few days.

In Amsterdam and Utrecht, swastikas were painted on the walls of houses and factories. Several Christian church leaders have announced that they will protest against anti-Semitic outbursts from their pulpits.

Anti-Boycott Office Set Up In Foreign Ministry

POST Political Reporter

The establishment of a new Foreign Ministry Division for political - economic planning was announced on Wednesday by the Foreign Ministry spokesman.

The new Division, which is to be headed by Aluf David Shaltiel, the former Israel Ambassador to Mexico, is to investigate various political factors hindering Israel's trade and to plan counter-measures.

It is understood that the new division is to deal primarily with measures to counter the Arab States' economic warfare against Israel.

Mr. Aryeh Lapid, the former head of the Foreign Ministry's Director-General's office, is understood to be in line for the post of Deputy Director of the new division.

Jordan Bans Burma Shipping Line

AMMAN (Reuter). — The Jordanian Cabinet has banned and blacklisted the Five Stars Shipping Line of Burma because it has been dealing with Israel and contravened the Arab Blockade.

The Cabinet has also lifted the ban it had imposed on Regie Nationale des Usines (Renault) of France, because it has now stopped dealing with Israel.

The French goodwill mission to Cairo is ready to make all necessary sacrifices to restore Franco-U.A.R. economic relations, a French spokesman in Cairo said, according to Beirut Radio. It was because of this and in order to show its good will that France had ceased the Renault relations with Israel, the spokesman was reported to have added.

Mrs. Meir Meets Guinea President

POST Political Reporter

Foreign Minister Golda Meir yesterday met with Guinea's President Sekou Toure and will today leave Conakry for Accra, where she is to meet with the Ghanaian Prime Minister, Dr. Kwame Nkrumah.

A late cable from Freetown reports that Mrs. Meir's visit to Sierra Leone was concluded at a special Cabinet session, at which various proposals for Israel technical assistance and future economic cooperation with Sierra Leone were discussed. The session was called because of an official British invitation to a special conference in London at the end of March, which will discuss the preparations and exact date of Sierra Leone's independence.

Iraq-Iran Crisis Not As Black as Painted

BASRA, Iraq (UPI).—The Garrison Commander for Iraq's strategic Shatt Al-Arab waterway near the Persian Gulf said on Wednesday that the Persians are continuing a troop build-up along the disputed border.

Brigadier Majid Ali told a new conference that Persian reconnaissance planes have been violating Iraq air space for the past week.

The overall impression from Ali's briefing and from a yacht ride through the disputed waterway, however, was that press reports from Baghdad and Teheran newspapers, and statements by Government leaders, tended to paint the situation more explosive than it actually was.

Dag in Uganda

ENTEBBE, Uganda (Reuter). — Mr. Dag Hammarskjold, the U.N. Secretary-General, arrived here by air yesterday for talks with the Uganda Executive Council.

Pinay Leaves Cabinet At Debre's 'Request'

Top-Level Shuffle In Soviet Union

LONDON (Reuter). — Mr. Jakob Malik, Soviet Ambassador in London for nearly seven years, has been relieved of his duties "in connection with his transfer to another post," Tass reported from Moscow yesterday.

Mr. Alexander Soldatov, who has been acting as head of the American Division of the Soviet Foreign Ministry, has been appointed to the London post, the agency said.

The Tass report did not say what Mr. Malik's new job was.

Secretary Moved

"Pravda" yesterday announced the appointment of Mr. Alexei Kirichenko as First Secretary of the Regional Communist Party organization of Rostov, an important industrial centre.

The terse announcement did not indicate whether Mr. Kirichenko has relinquished his post as a member of the Presidium of the Soviet Communist Party and as a Secretary of the Central Committee.

The newspaper also reported that the First Secretary of the Communist Party in Leningrad, Mr. M. N. Rodionov, has been replaced by Mr. M.G.A. Popov. The replacement is not thought to have been a dismissal, as Mr. Rodionov himself submitted the Leningrad report to the January 5 Party Conference.

Mr. Popov till now has served as the Second Secretary of the Communist Party on the national level.

Visited U.S.

Mr. Soldatov was in Mr. Khrushchev's delegation when the Soviet Prime Minister visited the U.S. last September.

He has also been on his country's delegation at the U.N. headquarters in New York.

Mr. Malik, 53, was appointed a Deputy Foreign Minister in 1946 and soon afterwards became permanent representative at the U.N. — a post he held for four years. He was appointed Ambassador in London in the place of Mr. Andrei Gromyko (now Foreign Minister), in April, 1953.

'Mr. K' to Include Afghanistan in Tour

MOSCOW (Reuter). — Mr. Nikita Khrushchev has accepted an invitation to visit Afghanistan in February on his way home from Indonesia, Tass reported yesterday.

The invitation was made by the King and Government of Afghanistan.

On Tuesday it was announced that the Soviet Premier may also accept an invitation from the Burmese government.

Communists Claim Gains in Laos

TOKYO (UPI). — The North Viet-Nam News Agency said yesterday that Communist rebel forces in Laos "continue to inflict serious losses upon Laotian Army troops in various localities."

Quoting the Laos Communist Party newspaper, it cited two incidents in December. One occurred on December 20 when Communist guerillas encircled a platoon of Laotian Army troops, capturing "a company commander, four civilian agents and 23 soldiers." The other occurred on December 28 when a guerilla unit attacked an Army battalion at Pahai and Lao Pao in the Ban Tou area, killing 25 soldiers and wounding ten.

Baumgartner Finance Minister

PARIS (Reuter).—General Charles de Gaulle last night relieved M. Antoine Pinay, 69-year-old architect of French economic recovery, of his post as Finance Minister and appointed M. Wilfrid Baumgartner, Governor of the Bank of France, in his stead.

M. PINAY

A communique from the President's Office praised M. Pinay's achievements and said the successful financial policy he had conducted in his 20 months of office would be pursued.

The communiqué also said that M. Pinay had been relieved of his functions by Gen. de Gaulle at the request of Prime Minister Debré, motivated "by reasons concerning the internal functioning of the Government."

M. Pinay told reporters: "They give me bouquets, but they ask me to go."

M. Baumgartner, an orthodox financier, said he has accepted the Finance Ministry post "without joy but guided by a sense of duty."

M. Pinay said that he had not resigned, but was awaiting a decree ending his Ministry. The Cabinet is due to meet today under General de Gaulle.

To Continue Policy

He said he was certain he would be free to ensure continuity of M. Pinay's policies.

M. Pinay's departure from the Government follows a dispute with Prime Minister Michel Debré over foreign policy, and some aspects of economic policy.

Gen. de Gaulle offered M. Pinay the post of Minister of State for Economic Coordination, but he refused because, members of his entourage said, this might only delay a difficult choice.

M. Pinay's departure from the Cabinet marks the first major breach in the Government majority since General de Gaulle came to power in January 1958.

"I am withdrawing from all political life, at least for the moment," M. Pinay told reporters outside the Elysée Palace "In any case, I remain resolved to favour and facilitate the work of recovery which has been accomplished."

2 More May Quit

Informed sources said earlier today that at least two Conservative Ministers were expected to resign if M. Pinay went — M. Max Flechet, Secretary of State for Economic Affairs, and M. Henri Rochereau, Agriculture Minister.

Earlier this month, M. Pinay made himself the spearhead of a press and radio campaign against what are alleged to be the "economic planners" inside the Cabinet who favour more State intervention in the national economy in order to promote a new period of expansion.

Observers said there was some discontent in the Conservative Party in general about the Government's policies.

They are not at all happy about General de Gaulle's self-determination policy in Algeria. They think the executive exercises too much power, and they would like to get back to a regime in which Parliament plays a greater role in determining Government policy.

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Makarios in U.K. For Cyprus Parley

LONDON (Reuter). — Archbishop Makarios, Greek Cypriot President-elect of independent Cyprus, arrived in London last night to attend the Cyprus ministerial conference opening Saturday.

On his way to London the Archbishop landed in Athens for the first time since he returned to Cyprus from exile. He was given honours as a Head of State when his plane stopped for refuelling at Athens Airport on its way from Nicosia to London.

Archbishop Makarios said in a statement at the Airport that he would not assume at the London Conference any obligations or commitments beyond the Zurich and London agreements.

"We shall not make any concession affecting our self-respect or our just interests," he said. Before leaving for the London conference, Archbishop Makarios said in Nicosia yesterday that although much progress had been made since the signing of the London and Zurich agreements, "there are still a number of questions which remain unresolved."

3 More Paris Dailies Seized in Algeria

ALGIERS (Reuter). — Three Paris newspapers, "Le Populaire" (Socialist), "La Croix" (Catholic) and "Information" (Financial), were seized yesterday by the authorities on their arrival in Algiers.

All contained references to a communique issued two days ago by a committee of several "activist" movements here. Publication of the communique was immediately banned in Algeria.

The communique called on settlers to establish their own militia.

Fields in South Still Under Threat of Severe Drought

By ZEEV SCHUL, Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The threat of drought still hangs over winter field crops south of Gedera.

Disputing Ministry of Agriculture experts, who last week shrugged off drought damage reports as being confined to a few "score thousand dunams," spokesmen of the Field Workers' Association were more specific here on Wednesday.

The Jerusalem Post was informed that an area of some 250,000 dunams in the South had already been written off completely. These fields cannot even be reseen in view of the lateness of the season — there are no rains in this area after mid-February.

In southern Judea and the northern Negev, where an additional area of some 150,000 dunams is threatened, farmers were reported to be re-sowing their fields, often using as much as 100 per cent of seed.

An Association spokesman declared that the rain which had fallen in the Central Negev over a week ago was "definitely insufficient. Unless more falls soon, 30 to 35 per cent of the winter harvest on an area of 400,000 dunams will be irrevocably lost."

The sharav is expected to break today. The meteorological station at Lydda Airport also predicted a general drop in temperature and rise in humidity.

The Beersheba station expected the sharav to break yesterday evening, after the hottest day this season, which registered a temperature of 37 and humidity of 22 per cent.

In Eilat and Tiberias the humidity yesterday evening at 9 was much higher than on Tuesday evening.

SNOW, ICE IN EUROPE

LONDON (Reuter). — Road and rail traffic throughout Europe was disrupted on Wednesday by a spreading pall of snow and ice creeping over the continent.

Arctic conditions caused travel chaos in most of England and Scotland. Many road accidents were reported. Airliners for Europe were delayed up to 90 minutes at London Airport while snow and ice were cleared from wings and fuselages.

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A special bus will leave from the courtyard of the Jewish Agency at 2.30 p.m.

Social & Personal

The President yesterday received at the Ben-Zvi Institute the Netherlands Ambassador, Jonkheer Johan Rudolf Baron Ten Bocker, and Mrs. Ten Bocker; the Argentine Ambassador, Dr. Rodolfo Garcia Arias, and Mrs. Garcia Arias; the Austrian Ambassador, Dr. Ernst Luegmayer, and Mrs. Luegmayer; and the British Ambassador, Mr. Patrick Hancock, and Mrs. Hancock. Also present were the Acting Director-General of the Foreign Ministry, Mr. Ya'acov Tsur, and Mr. and Mrs. Eliahu Elath.

The guests toured the Institute and received explanations of its work from the President.

President Ben-Zvi yesterday received Judge M. Goldstein, of Buenos Aires.

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Mrs. Rahel Ben-Zvi yesterday received the wife of the French Ambassador, Mme. Jean Bourdeillette, who was accompanied by Mrs. A. Olibo.

Mrs. Ben-Zvi on Tuesday evening received at Beit Hanassi a group of young students from the U.S., Canada, Britain and Denmark who are at present attending a course at the Institute for Youth Leaders from Abroad, under the auspices of the Youth and Hehalutz Department of the Jewish Agency.

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The Minister for Religious Affairs, Rabbi Y. Toledano, yesterday received Dr. Gershon Berger, President of the Zionist Organization of Brazil, and also Mr. Marcus Margalit, a Brazilian journalist.

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The Laotian Minister, Prince Tiao Souvanna Phouma, visited the Weizmann Institute on Wednesday and was received by Mr. Abba Eban, Minister without Portfolio and President of the Institute. Prince Phouma and the Counsellor of the Laotian Embassy in Paris, M. Piatthana Chounramany, and Mme. Chounramany, on Wednesday visited Beersheba.

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The Canadian Ambassador, Miss Margaret Meagher, last night gave a reception for the members of the visiting Canadian National Leadership Mission.

Yesterday the Mission flew from Haifa to Eilat where they were the luncheon guests of the Mayor, Mr. Yosef Levy, and toured the town, port, and Timna copper mines before returning north.

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The new French Ambassador, M. Jean Bourdeillette, was yesterday received by the Knesset Speaker, Mr. Kadish Luz. The Ambassador also paid courtesy calls on the Minister of Commerce and Industry, Mr. Pinhas Sapir; the Minister of Transport, Mr. Y. Ben-Aharon; the Minister of Health, Mr. I. Barzilai; the Minister for Religious Affairs, Rabbi Y. Toledano; the Minister for Social Welfare, Dr. Yosef Burg; and the Minister without Portfolio, Mr. Abba Eban. M. Bourdeillette was accompanied by Mr. A. Yapou, of the West European Division of the Foreign Ministry.

The Argentine Ambassador, Dr. Rodolfo Garcia Arias, was yesterday received by the Knesset Speaker, Mr. Luz.

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Mr. Asher Ben-Natan, Acting Director-General of the Ministry of Defence, yesterday gave a luncheon at Beit Liessin in Tel Aviv, in honour of Captain B.O. Barber, Acting Director-General of the Burmese Ministry of Defence, and Mr. U. Soe Myint, Director-General of the Burmese Armaments Industry. Captain Barber and Mr. Myint also called on Mr. Pinhas Sapir, the Minister of Commerce and Industry, and Mr. Shimon Peres, Deputy Minister of Defence. The two visitors are due to leave Israel this morning after a three-day visit.

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Miss Barbara Salt, Counsellor of the British Embassy, yesterday visited the Wiso children's and youth village, Hadassim.

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The Haifa Society for the Blind has received a substantial contribution made in lieu of personal gifts by guests attending the house-warming reception at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Touvia Pushkar, on Mt. Carmel.

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A chamber music concert to mark the 150th anniversary of the death of Franz Joseph Haydn will be held by the Israel-Austria Society, Haifa Branch, at the Rothschild Centre, Mount Carmel, at 9 p.m. today. The Austrian Ambassador, Dr. E. Luegmayer, and Mayor Abba Khoushy, are joint patrons of the evening.

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Mr. A. Gilboa, Chief of Protocol, is to address today's luncheon meeting of Tel Aviv-Jaffa Rotary on: Problems of Protocol.

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Mr. William Van Loer is to address the Tel Aviv branch of the Israel and British Comonwealth Association on The Moscow Film Festival, 1959, at ZOA House, at 8.30 this evening.

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Housewives Want to Know What's Inside the Can

Jerusalem Post Economic Reporter

It was the Jerusalem housewife's innings Tuesday night when she was given the opportunity to confront a platform full of Government and marketing officials in a symposium on food marketing problems held at the Jerusalem Labour Council.

Mrs. Esther Vilnai, ably representing the "down-trodden" housewife struck out immediately after paying her respects to the "admirable progress" that has been made in the field of food marketing over the past few years. Her demands, heartily concurred in by the several score housewives present, amounted to the following programme for official action:

- The compulsory labelling of all packaged foods as to contents and the quantities or percentages of the various components.
- Standardization of all weights and measures to the exclusive use of metric units instead of the misleading labelling by pounds and ounces, and other unfamiliar units.
- Size and weight standardization of all packaged goods into easily recognisable units such as 100, 500 and 1,000 grammes instead of the present proliferation of weights. It is difficult for the housewife to distinguish between packages weighing 75 and 90 grammes.
- The compulsory inclusion on the label of the date of production to ensure freshness.
- Improvements in the standard loaf. Mrs. Vilnai said she could not understand why the bread baked from the same standard flour was so tasty when served at army messes, but so well-nigh inedible when baked and sold in town.

Halevi for Defence

For the defence, Mr. Avinoam Halevi, Director of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry's Food Division, accepted some of the complaints. But mainly he appealed for the cooperation of the public in establishing effective control over food production and marketing standards.

Mr. Halevi pointed out that the Government was at a basic disadvantage in making such control effective as producers or middle-men who wanted to adulterate their products were each experts in their own fields while the Ministry's limited number of officials were required to be experts in many fields.

He said, however, that the Ministry was constantly on the alert for violations. In this period of liberalization in the country's commerce, he added, the Ministry could only work if the public cooperated more fully by informing it of substandard products or attempts at defrauding.

Mr. Halevi also complained of what he called "the snob-appeal" of products labelled in English and other foreign languages for which housewives were willing to spend much more although their actual country of origin and their quality were dubious. He announced that from February 15 all locally-produced packaged foods will have to bear Hebrew labelling so as not to mislead the public.

Bakers at Fault

In the case of bread, too, Mr. Halevi admitted that the fault could only be with the bakers as the "standard" flour really was standard throughout the country. In connection with this he noted that "the only thing special about special bread was its price." He added that in the near future, legislation would be passed requiring bakers to standardise the composition of these "special breads" under Government supervision, and to label these loaves specifying their composition.

Also participating in the symposium, which was arranged under the auspices of the Jerusalem Labour Council, the Working Women's Council and the Cooperative Consumers Union, were: Mr. Zvi Rishpon of the Jerusalem Tnuva branch; Mr. Velovelsky of the Ministry of Agriculture, and Mr. Ephraim Lifshitz of the Consumers Cooperative Union. The moderator was Mr. Moshe Gilboa, Economic Adviser to the Minister of Commerce and Industry.

MALBEN PROPOSAL

Malben has informed us that the proposal to care for non-immigrant aged in its institutions is still under consideration with the public agencies involved. Under the proposal, candidates for acceptance to Malben homes would be selected by the agencies and not by direct application to Malben.

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- **Tours:—**

Spend a morning with Hadassah on a conducted tour, starting 9 a.m. Book for this tour by phoning 4081, Hadassah Club, Biraus Health Centre.

Hebrew University: Conducted tour in English, at 12 noon, daily, New University Campus.

- **French Vocal Quartet:—**

Les Freres Jacques. Hebrew moderator: Uri Eshar, Edison, 9

- **Exhibitions:—**

Oils by Naomi Emes. Rina Gallery, 15 Shlomzion Hamalka (entrance Rehov Yanai), Tel. 5810, 10-1; 4-7.

Safrai Art Gallery, 37 Jaffa Road, Tel. 43787. Est. 1933. 9-1, 3-7. Friday 9-2. New exhibition: paintings by Nahum Cohen. Opening tonight 8. All purchases mailed upon request.

- **Bezalel National Museum:—**

Permanent exhibition of Jewish Ceremonial Art; Archaeological objects. Primitive Art, Portraits from the Museum's collection; Memorial exhibition of the works of Leopold Krakauer. Hanukka Exhibition. 9-1; 2.30-5.

- **Zoo:—**

Jerusalem Biblical Zoo. 9-6.

TEL AVIV

- **Theatre:—**

Habimah: "Visit of the Old Lady," 8.30.

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- **Tourist Service:—**

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- **Zoological Gardens:—**

Open 8 a.m.-6 p.m. daily.

- **Exhibitions:—**

Klibbutz Art and Sculpture, Beit Disengoff. 10-1, 4-7.

"The Group of Ten" exhibit their paintings and sculptures. Helena Rubinstein Pavilion. 10-1, 4-7.

Ancient Glass Exhibition, Museum Ha'aretz, near Ramat Aviv, 10-5.

- **Z.O.A. House:—**

Dinner Club: Dr. Mateo Goldstein, on: "Jews and Arabs in Latin America." 8.30.

Tourist Service 9 a.m.-9 p.m.

HAIFA

- **Tourist Centre:—**

Hadassah Club, Youth Aliya Offices, 23 Hahalutz, Tel. 67663.

- **Theatre:—**

Cameri: "Look Homeward, Angel," Armon 9.

- **Yiddish Comedy:—**

Dutzan & Baumacher, Orah, 8.30.

REHOVOT

- **Yiddish Musical:—**

"Home Sweet Home" — Bension Witler, Shifra Lerer 8.45.

ACRE

- **Theatre:—**

Obel: "One More River," 7, 9.15.

PETAH TIKVA

- **Spanish Dancers and Singers:—**

Lutzillo and his Spanish Theatre Ballet, Heichal, 8.30.

Learn a Trade In Hospital

"Occupational therapy today includes refitting the sick for trades after they leave hospital and not only keeping them occupied during sickness," Dr. K. J. Mann, Director-General of the Hadassah Medical Organization, said on Tuesday in opening the sixth Graduation ceremony of the School for Occupational Therapy in Jerusalem.

There were 19 graduates of the three-year course — 13 of them girls. Since the founding of the School on Mount Scopus in 1947, 106 occupational therapists have graduated and 76 of them are now working in this field of medicine — 37 in mental institutions.

Mrs. Rose Halperin, acting chairman of the Jewish Agency Executive in New York and former President of Hadassah, presented the certificates. Greetings were brought from the other sponsoring institutions: Malben, The Invalidity Fund of Kupat Holim and the Ministry of Health.

Nevil Shute Dies In Melbourne

MELBOURNE (Reuter). — Nevil Shute, best-selling author, died in hospital last night after a stroke.

The British author — his real name was Nevil Shute Norway — would have been 61 on January 17.

One of his latest best-selling novels, adapted into a film, was "On the Beach." It pictures the last days of the human race after a nuclear war.

Shute emigrated to Australia with his family in 1950 in protest against heavy taxation and government restrictions in England.

GAS PRICE

The price of a cylinder of Paygas cooking gas is IL8., delivered, and not as reported on Tuesday.

Touvish Friedman Buried in J'lem

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The funeral took place in Jerusalem on Wednesday of Touvish Friedman, of the Jerusalem Labour Council. He died on Tuesday after a prolonged illness at the age of 55.

The mourners included Members of the Municipal Commission and of the Labour Council, and hundreds of workers with whom he had contact as Secretary of the Clerks Union.

He was eulogized outside the mortuary by Mr. A. Arnet, of the Histadrut; near the Histadrut building by Mr. Moshe Baram, M.K.; and at the graveside at Har Hamenuhot by Mr. Moshe Braun, on behalf of the Clerks Union.

Kadish was recited at the graveside by Mr. Mordecai Ish-Shalom, his brother.

In the evening, A/M Yosef Carmel, the President's Aide, called on the bereaved family and Mr. Ish-Shalom to extend the condolences of the President and Mrs. Ben-Zvi.

The first meeting of the Jerusalem Commission, scheduled for Wednesday evening, was cancelled because Mr. Ish-Shalom, its Chairman, is in mourning.

The commissioners are investigating the legal possibility of convening a meeting on Friday without the Chairman. The law indicates that only the Chairman may convene the Commission. The Commission has on its agenda the appointment of two vital committees and consideration of important tenders.

BOEING JET PLANE SALESMAN HERE

LYDDA AIRPORT. — The Boeing Aircraft Company's Assistant Sales Manager, Mr. James N. Robinson, arrived here on Wednesday for talks with the Board of Directors of El Al on the possible sale of jet airliners. *(Itim)*

PIG BREEDING

In the Kiryat Gat area is prohibited under a by-law which was unanimously approved by the Local Council on Tuesday.

ON THE AIR

FIRST PROGRAMME
521, 194.4 & 249 M.

News: Hebrew: 6.30, 7.00 and 7.55 a.m., 1.30, 8.00, 7.00, 9.00 and 11.00 p.m.
English: 2.00 p.m. **French:** 2.15 p.m.

6.30 Religious Service (R). 6.57 Exercises. 6.45 Musical Clock (R). 7.17 Morning Melodies. 8.00 Close Down.

11.00 a.m. Popular Concert: Balakirev: Overture on Russian Themes; Kabalevsky: Piano Concerto No. 3 (Soloist: Emile Gilleis); Bizet: Symphony in C. 12.00 Women's Programme. 12.30 Lunchtime Music. 1.00 The Amsterdam Concertgebouw; Schubert: Entr'actes from "Rosamunde" (Conductor: Georg Szell); Ravel: "Rhapsodie Espagnole" (Conductor: Eduard van Beinum). 1.45 Where to Go? 3.30 Close Down.

4.30 Special Foreign Language Programme. 5.05 Request Programme for Oriental Music. 5.35 Mishna Lesson. 5.45 Children's Corner. 6.00 Youth Corner. 6.30 Popular Songs & Dances. 7.30 Hebrew Songs. 7.45 Daily Hebrew. 7.50 Sports. 8.00 Announcements on Kol Yisrael Programmes. 8.00 Entertainment Platform — ed. by Y. Arieh. 8.50 Bible Reading: Yeshayahu: Chaps. 19 & 20. 9.10 Political Commentary. 9.15 Newsreel. 9.30 Each & Every Voice — by Peter Frye & Y. Targuin. 10.05 L. Carmi — pianist, from Italy plays: 3 Sonatas by Scarlatti & 1 Sonatina by Casals. 10.30 Light Music. 11.10 Close Down.

SECOND PROGRAMME
440, 282,422.5 & 33.3 M.

IMMIGRANTS' HOUR: 4.15 Megrabit. 4.30 News in Easy Hebrew. 4.45 Polish. 7.00 French. 7.30 Yiddish. 8.00 Dialogues — Programme ed. by L. Filler & D. Hogan. 8.40 Songs by Josef Tatlis, performed by Siva Lowenberg (Soprano). 9.00 Ladino. 9.30 Hungarian. 9.45 Rumanian. 10.00 News in English.

ARABIC PROGRAMME
491, & 41.7 M.

Arabic Programme (including News): 6.30-7.15 a.m. 1.15-3.15, 6.30-11.15 p.m.

KOL YISRAEL LAOOLA (32.3 M.): Programme to the U.K.: 10.30 News. 10.40 "Editorial Opinion." 10.50 Easy Hebrew Conversation.

Programme to South Africa: 6.15 News. 6.25 Editorial Opinion. 6.35 Afrikaans Programme.

ARMY PROGRAMME (316, 225 and 235 M.): 6.00 Opening. 6.09 Request Programme. 6.45 Songs. 6.55 Announcements. 7.00 News. 7.10 "Bow & Arrow." 7.40 Intermezzo. 8.00 "Army's Diary." 8.40 "Vis-a-Vis." 8.30 Light Music Quiz. 9.00 News. 9.15 "Merry Rhythm." 9.30 "Please Meet" — The Kingston Trio. 10.00 Dance Music. 10.30 Close Down.

B.B.C. HEBREW BROADCASTS (30.96, 25.12, 19.76, 19.46 & 16.96 M.): 7.15-7.45 p.m. News. News Comment. Actualities.

MUSIC U.S.A.: VOICE OF AMERICA — English Programme: 5.00, 6.00 and 7.00 a.m. News. UN Review and Music on 25 and 31 M.

8.00, 9.00 and 10.00 a.m. News. New Horizons on 19 M.

3.00 p.m. News, New Horizons on 11, 13 and 19 M.

4.00 and 5.00 p.m. News, UN Review and Music on 19 & 25 M.

6.00 p.m. News, New Horizons on 11, 19, 25, 31 and 41 M.

7.00 p.m. News, Near East Notebook on 13, 19 and 25 M.

7.30 p.m. Listener's Log on 13 19 and 25 M.

8.00 p.m. News, Africana Notebook on 19 and 25 M.

8.30 p.m. Forum (Behavioural Sciences) on 19 and 25 M.

9.00 and 10.00 p.m. News, Music, USA on 19 and 25 M.

11.00 p.m. News, Commentator's Digest on 19, 25, 31, 41 M. and 238 K.

11.30 p.m. Forum (Behavioural Sciences) on 25, 31, 41 M. and 238 K.

11.00 p.m. News Commentator's Digest on 34, 31 M. and 238 K.

CYPRUS BROADCASTING SERVICE — English Programme (434 & 496 M.): News: 7.30 a.m. 2.00, 7.00, 11.00 a.m.

7.45 a.m. The Coca Cola Programme. 8.00 Melodies & Memories. 8.30 Popular Light Orchestra. 9.00 Miniature Concert. 9.30 Emergency. 9.45 Piano Playtime. 10.00 Felix King. 10.30 B.B.C. Bandstand. 11.00 The Final Year. 11.15 Light Music. 11.30 Teller of Tales. 12.00 Midday Melodies. 2.15 p.m. "The Name is Shane." 2.30 "Yours Sincerely." 6.45 The Lanitis Programme. 7.45 Strange Stories of the Sea. 10.00 Vanished Without Trace. 10.15 Stars of Song. 10.30 Danger Point.

LAW REPORT

The Jerusalem Post January 14, 1960

In the Supreme Court Sitting as Court of Civil Appeals

Before the President (Justice Olshan), Justices Goitein and Berinson.

A.B., Appellant, v. The Attorney-General, Respondent (C.A. 413/58).

Supreme Court as Such Does Not Hear Appeals Against Law Council Decisions.

The Supreme Court dismissed an appeal against a judgment of the Tel Aviv District Court delivered on June 11, 1958 (in C.C. 283/58).

The appellant, A.B., an advocate by profession, was found guilty by the Law Council of unprofessional conduct and was ordered, amongst other things, to pay the costs of the enquiry committee to the amount of IL100. He appealed against the decision of the Law Council and although his appeal was dismissed he refused to pay the IL300 in question. The Attorney-General consequently sued him in the Tel Aviv Magistrates' Court for this sum and received judgment against him. A.B. appealed against this judgment to the District Court which upheld the lower court's decision. He thereupon appealed to the Supreme Court.

A.B. appeared on his own behalf and Dr. Elias, Deputy State Attorney, for the respondent.

Judgment

Justice Berinson, who delivered the judgment of the Supreme Court, said that he would attempt to winnow the wheat from the chaff and deal only with such of the appellant's numerous arguments as deserved some consideration.

In dismissing the argument that the Supreme Court's decision in the appeal against the verdict of the Law Council was *res judicata*, and that the Attorney-General, therefore, should merely have applied to the Execution Office for execution of that part of the decision regarding the IL100 costs, Justice Berinson pointed out that when the Supreme Court is sitting as an appellate tribunal, appointed in accordance with section 20(3) of the Advocates' Ordinance, then its decisions have not the same effect as Supreme Court judgments and cannot be enforced by the Execution Office. A study of the terms of section 20(3), he continued, reveals that when an advocate wishes to take exception to a decison of the Law Council then he does not take his objections to the Supreme Court as such, but takes them to a professional tribunal composed of three Supreme Court judges appointed to that purpose by the President of the Supreme Court; and just as the decisions of the Law Council cannot be enforced by the Execution Office so has the latter no power to enforce decisions of this appellate tribunal.

Turning next to the argument that it is not sufficient to have submitted the decision of the Law Council to the Magistrates' Court but that the Attorney-General should have proved that the Enquiry Committee had actually incurred IL100 expenses, Justice Berinson said that he could not accept the Attorney-General's reply that any complaints against the amount of costs should have been brought up by the appellant before the Appellate Tribunal at the time. Section 20(3) of the Advocates' Ordinance, he pointed out, lays down that an advocate is entitled to appeal against any decision of the Law Council to take such steps as they are empowered to take against him under section 20(1). But the sanction of costs is not included in section 20(1), he continued, the power to apply it deriving from Rule 58 of the Law Council Rules, 1953, against which there is no appeal. Any decision of the Law Council regarding the imposition of costs is, therefore, a final and binding decision of a quasi-judicial administrative body which is not enforceable by the instrument of execution attached to the courts, but can serve as a cause of action in a civil suit.

The appellant, however, continued Justice Berinson, had not changed the validity of Rule 58, nor the power of the Law Council to impose costs altogether. He had merely taken exception to the amount of the costs imposed; and as rule 58 allows the Law Council to impose any costs they may deem fit and does not limit them to the actual outlay incurred by them, the Magistrates' Court cannot interfere with the Law Council's decision.

Appeal dismissed with IL150 costs.

Judgment given on December 20, 1959.

IT'S THE LAW

A fine of IL36 is imposed on employers who employ children and do not inform the proper authorities. *(Apprenticeship Regulations).*

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LYDDA FLIGHTS

THURSDAY

ARRIVALS: El Al 102, from Johannesburg, Leopoldville and Kano — 0635. B.O.A.C. 903, from Teheran — 1345. Air France 139, from Teheran 1545. El Al 410, from Istanbul — 1615. El Al 304, from Nicosia — 2040. B.E.A. 128, from London, Zurich and Athens — 2100. El Al 206, from New York, London Paris and Rome — 2130. Air France 132, from Paris, Rome and Athens — 2200. Alitalia 480, from Rome — 2235. T.W.A. 802, from New York, Paris, Zurich, Milan, Rome and Athens—2345. Olympic 614, from Athens and Nicosia — 0050. El Al 436, from Amsterdam, Zurich and Athens — 0140.

DEPARTURES: Swissair 321, to Athens and Zurich — 0700. El Al 425, to Zurich and Amsterdam — 0800. Cyprus Airways 33, to Nicosia, Ankara, Istanbul, Rome and London — 0825. El Al 409, to Istanbul — 0900. B.E.A. 127, to Athens, Rome and London — 0930. Sabena 538, to Athens, Vienna and Brussels — 0945. K.L.M. 535, to Rome and Amsterdam — 1245. B.O.A.C. 902, to Geneva and London — 1345. Air France 139, to Rome and Paris — 1645. El Al 303 to Nicosia — 1730.

Cinemas

JERUSALEM

ARMON: Initiation of Life.
EDEN: Night of a Quarter Moon
ORION: Across the Bridge.
OR-GIL: Some Like It Hot.
ORNA: The Nine Angel.
RON: The Main Story.
SEMADAR: Peyton Place.
ZION HALL: Othello.
TEL OR: Golden Mountains.
EDISON: I Still Loved ("We Are Thieves").
STUDIO: Porte des Lilas.

TEL AVIV
3.30, 7.30, 9.30.

ALLENBY: From Here to Eternity.
ARMON DAVID: The Nun's Story, 6.30 9.15.
CHEN: Du rififi chez les femmes.
DAN: Jesse James' Women.
EDEN: Duhah. 1.30, 7, 9.
ESTHER: The Journey.
GAT: Swan Lake.
HOD: Honeymoon.
KANIM: Escuela mi Cautela. 10, 12, 2, 4, 7.15, 9.15.
MIGDALOR: Das Dreimaedlerhaus.
MOGRABI: Doll, Book and Candle.
OPHIR: Nuits d'Europe.
ORION: Faibles femmes.
PEER: Hirsehkuh, mon amour.
SHDEROTH: A Woman Obsessed.
YAMAH: The Girl and the Fugitive. 10, 12, 2, 4, 7.15, 9.15.
TCHELET: Cat on a Hot Tin Roof.
TEL AVIV: A Private's Affair.
YARON: Love Letters.
ZAMIR: The Road to Life. 10.15, 11.45, 1.30, 3.15, 5.30, 7.30, 9.30.
ZAFON: Destiny of a Man.

HAIFA
4, 6.45, 9.

ORION: Days of Glory.
ATZMON: The Nun's Story.
MIRON: La Violetera.
ORAH: The Hanging Tree.
AMPHITHEATRE: Blue Jeans.
TAMAR: El Ferrocarril (evenings only).
GAL OR: Club de femmes.
PEER: En cas de malheur ("Love is My Profession").
ARMON: Room At The Top.
EN DOR: The Living Idol.
ORLY: The Sound and the Fury 6.45, 9.
MAY: Sois belle et tais-toi.

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6 %	"	" F	100
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6 %	Jewish Agency		103½
6½%	Keren Hayesod		(a) 104
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6½%	Pal. Electric 53/55		111½
6½%	Local Authorities		102½
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6½%	Keren Hayesod		102½
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6½%	Rasco		110½
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6 %	Bank Leumi Invest.		99½
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	Bank Leumi		285
	Gen. Mortgage Bk.		177
	Bk. Leumi Invest.		215
	Eliern's Investment		225
	Africa Pal. Invest.		1402
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	Moller Textile		1330
	Assis & Bejarano		95
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Today's Postbag

The Weather

FORECAST: Partly cloudy to fair. A drop in temperature and rise in humidity.

Weather Synopsis: Low pressure centre over central Mediterranean with a trough extending to east Mediterranean.

	*A	B	C	D
Mt. Cana'an	60	7	71	16
Tiberias	66	36	72	50
Haifa Port	62	54	68	56
Natanya	59	52	68	55
Tel Aviv Kirya	61	50	70	51
Tel Aviv Port	62	50	71	50
Lydda Airport	58	46	71	46
Jerusalem	52	36	62	38
Beersheba	52	36	67	38
Eilat	64	39	77	54

*) Humidity at 2 p.m. B) Minimum temp. C) Maximum yesterday. D) Minimum temp. expected today.

ARRIVAL

Gary Bertini, the conductor, after appearing with orchestras in New York, Geneva and Milan ((by El Al).

THE NINTH convention of the Agricultural Workers Federation opens in Petah Tikva next Sunday. Among the speakers will be the Minister of Agriculture, Mr. Moshe Dayan. The convention will meet evenings until January 21.

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A PAVILION for testing building materials was dedicated at the Israel Standards Institute, Ramat Aviv, on Tuesday, in the name of Moshe Arnan, founder of the Institute and its Director until his death a year ago.

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THE PLAYREADING group of the U.S. Information Centre in Jerusalem last week presented "Harvey", a comedy by Mary Chase, before an overflow audience at Beit Hillel. The performance, directed by Naomi Zuckerman, is to be repeated next Monday, and later in Tel Aviv and Haifa.

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A SPECIAL COMMITTEE to investigate the cave-in of a concrete roof on Sha'ar Hagai Street in Natanya was appointed yesterday by Mr. M. Silverstone, Director-General of the Minister of Interior. The committee is headed by Mr. David Resnik, Natanya Sub-District Officer.

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2,000 ROSE bushes from Holland have been imported by the British Embassy for planting in British military cemeteries in this country.

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AN IL500 FINE was imposed by Magistrate E. Nawi in Eilat on Wednesday on Mrs. Tova Neuman for being in possession and making use of doors and windows which were found to have been stolen from Solel Boneh.

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CURRENCY in circulation rose by IL2,428,633 during the week, reaching IL387,-360,594, the Bank of Israel announced yesterday. Gold reserves fell by IL2,414; foreign currency reserves rose by IL61,067, and Treasury Bills and Government promissory notes rose by IL2,369,980.

Women Demand Bigger Role in Public Life

TEL AVIV. — The convention of the Working Women's Council, at its final session here on Wednesday, issued a call for women to be given a greater share in the country's public life.

It also adopted a resolution calling for the establishment of a centre for training women for their role in public life. Speakers at yesterday's session included Knesset Members Rachel Zabari and Genia Twersky.

A total of 186 members were elected to the organization's Council — 94 Mapai, 25 Ahdut Ha'avoda, 23 Mapam, 9 Haoved Hazioni, 4 Communist, 3 Religious Workers. A 71-member national secretariat was also elected, consisting of — 42 Mapai 11 Ahdut Ha'avoda, 10 Mapam, 4 Haoved Hazioni 2 Communists and 1 Religious Worker.

ARAHNE IN KNESSET:

High School Teachers Ass'n Cannot Be Exclusive Agent

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

Minister of Education Zalman Aranne told the Knesset yesterday that his Ministry recognized the right of the independent Secondary School Teachers Association to represent the secondary school teachers "in cooperation with and together with" the general Teachers Union. But it could not recognize the Association as its members' exclusive bargaining agent.

Mr. Aranne was replying to motions for the agenda presented two weeks ago by Mrs. Esther Raziel-Naor (Herut) and Dr. Elimelech Rimalt (General Zionists).

At the conclusion of his speech, Mr. Aranne said that he had no objection to a debate in the House on the subject, and the motions for a debate were passed without objection. The debate may even be held next week.

Mr. Aranne said that the Ministry did not have the authority to decide for or against either side in "the internal-organizational dispute" between the Union and the Association. He also denied that the Ministry has "boycotted" the Secondary School Association.

Reason Against

The Minister gave three reasons why the Association could not be given exclusive recognition:

● The number of teachers with university degrees who belong to the general Teachers Union is no smaller than the number of teachers with university degrees who belong to the Association.

● Since 1956/57, all teachers with university degrees receive equal pay regardless of whether they teach in secondary schools or in others.

● The salaries of elementary schol teachers are linked to those of teachers with university degrees, and the Minister of Finance has given an undertaking to the Trade Union Department of the Histadrut that the ratio between the two will be maintained.

If the Association were given exclusive bargaining powers in regard to pay and working conditions of secondary school teachers, it would in effect determine the conditions for all qualified teachers in the Teachers Union, in view of the linking provision.

The Ministry could not deprive the Union, which represents 15,000 members (over 90 per cent of all teachers), of its right to negotiate on behalf of qualified teachers and university-trained teachers, and in effect to turn this right over to the Association, which claimed 1,300 members. Such a demand negated the provision in all labour laws to the effect that the Government negotiate with the largest employees' organization.

Nor was the demand for exclusive recognition a realistic one, Mr. Aranne said. First, the signing of two separate collective agreements was inconceivable. And second, there was nothing to prevent the Union from retaliating with the same kind of pressure that the Association had already used.

Professionals Protest

The Organization of Professionals in Israel yesterday sharply criticized the Government's handling of the secondary school teachers' dispute.

In coming out in support of the stand of the independent Secondary School Association, the Organization described as "an insult to all professionals" the "Government's refusal to recognize the Association and, in particular, the tone of the refusal."

In Protest Move:

Reali School Head Resigns

By YA'ACOV ARDON
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — The Principal of the Reali School, Mr. Yitzhak Shapira, has resigned from his post in protest against "the intolerable situation" which has arisen in the country's high schools.

Mr. Shapira, a noted educator, told *The Jerusalem Post* last night that he had promised the school's Board of Governors that he would not accept another position for three months. If within that period the dispute between the Government and the high school teachers is resolved, he would reconsider his step.

Not on Either Side

Mr. Shapira made it clear that his resignation implied no criticism of the attitude of either the secondary school teachers or the Government.

"As Principal of the Reali School, my conscience does not permit me to continue in my post. The non-cooperation of the teachers leaves the post without real authority. The older pupils are only too well aware of what is going on. I feel it my duty to warn the public and the Government that the situation has become intolerable," he told The Post.

Asked for his views on the merits of the conflict, Mr. Shapira said that he thought the teachers were largely justified in their demands, though not in everything. "They have a feeling of having been wronged, and it is up to the Government to dissipate it.

"However, I cannot acquiesce in the means employed, which cannot but harm the pupils," Mr. Shapira emphasized.

'Exodus' Ms. For Lohamei Hageta'ot

HAIFA. — The American novelist, Leon Uris, author of the best sellers "Battle Cry" and "Exodus," has presented the manuscript of "Exodus" to the archives of Kibbutz Lohamei Hageta'ot, near Nahariya.

The Kibbutz was founded by survivors of the Warsaw Ghetto

Opera and I. P. O. At Odds Again

TEL AVIV. — Strife between the Israel National Opera and the Philharmonic Orchestra broke out anew this week over the I.P.O.'s intended performance of "The Marriage of Figaro" next month.

In a strongly worded letter to members of the Cabinet and all Knesset Members, Miss Edith De Phillipe, Director of the Opera, charged the I.P.O. with undermining the Opera and threatening its very survival. She recalled that last year a special inter-ministerial committee had decided that foreign artists appearing with the I.P.O. should confine themselves to performances in keeping with orchestral traditions.

An I.P.O. spokesman, however, told *The Jerusalem Post* here on Thursday that this decision had since been revoked, and that the Orchestra had planned its programme with the agreement of the authorities.

198 Die in Road Accidents in 1959

TEL AVIV. — A total of 198 persons were killed and 10,359 others injured — among them 2,543 seriously — in 21,195 accidents last year, the Secretary of the National Council for Prevention of Road Accidents, Judge S. H. Lowenberg, reported on Wednesday.

This represented a rise of four per cent of persons involved in accidents over 1958, compared with a 16 per cent rise in that year over 1957. The situation is better than appears because the population has grown by two per cent and the number of vehicles by eight and half per cent during 1959, Judge Lowenberg stated.

An encouraging sign, he said, was that during the past five months there were 300 accidents less than in the previous corresponding period.

There were 400 more accidents in 1959 over the previous year, (a two per cent rise), but there were nine less killed (a drop of four and a half per cent). There was an increase of five and a half per cent in the number of persons seriously injured, and four and a half per cent in those slightly injured.

Israel last year had 70,000 vehicles on the roads with a total of 130,000 licensed drivers. The number of accidents rose inevitably, owing to the record density of traffic. Judge Lowenberg announced that new traffic laws would be promulgated shortly, aimed at increasing road safety.

Ex-Boss of Jaffa To Remain in Jail

TEL AVIV. — Magistrate Y. Treivush on Wednesday extended the remand order against the former Director of the Jaffa Administration, Arye Spaak, for another week. Spaak is suspected of complicity in the taking of bribes from Jaffa slum-dwellers seeking housing.

In asking for an extension of custody, the police said that prior to the arrest of the Jaffa Administration officials, no one had the courage to complain of corrupt practices. The release of Spaak now might destroy the entire case being built up by the police, he declared.

The accused complained to the court that he was being held in the same cell with 20 other prisoners, among them two suspected of murder. As he was led out, friends shouted to him: "Buck up and don't talk. We'll take care of you."

Abu Ghosh Election Appeal Denied

The Abu Ghosh local council elections were yesterday declared valid by Jerusalem District Court Judge Miriam Ben-Porat. In rejecting appeals by five of the nine parties which contested the election, Judge Ben-Porat verbally castigated the appellants for "unscrupulous methods" in trying to invalidate election results not to their liking.

She noted that the Council Chairman, Haj Mahmud Rashid, one of the appellants, had been previously convicted of perjury, and doubted whether the other witnesses for the appellants were more reliable.

Hearings on the appeal against the Rosh Ha'ayin elections will continue today in the Tel Aviv District Court after a "show" yesterday that included accusations of forgery in the Elections Committee report, party propaganda in polling stations, attempts at buying votes and double-voting with knowledge of elections officials. (Ilim)

Herut Asks Debate On Election Bribery

The Herut Knesset faction yesterday submitted a motion for the agenda calling for the appointment of a Parliamentary committee of inquiry on bribery in the recent elections for local authorities and the Knesset.

Dr. Yohanan Bader, the leader of the faction, wrote to the Knesset Speaker that the instances of bribery already uncovered were not isolated ones, and that the bribery was not in connection with the local authorities' elections alone.

Sheraton Hotel, Tel Aviv, originally named the Nordau-Plaza, which was taken over by the U.S. hotel chain under a contract signed on Wednesday

Sheraton Chain to Run TA Hotel

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Nordau-Plaza's unfinished and corroding skeleton overshadowing the Gan Ha'atzmaut, at the northern end of the sea esplanade here, has joined the distinguished Sheraton hotel family.

A contract was signed in New York on Wednesday afternoon between the Israel Hotel Corporation of Chicago, present owners of the uncompleted building, and representatives of the Sheraton company who will run the hotel. The Nordau-Plaza, Sheraton's 58th hotel, is the company's first venture outside the U.S. and Canada.

At a press conference at Beit Sokolow here on Wednesday, Mr. Teddy Kollek, Director-General of the Prime Minister's Office, disclosed that negotiations with Sheraton began over a year ago. The Israel Hotels Corporation, the Plaza's third owner, bought the building from the Government for fifm. Additional investments, called for by Sheraton in order to bring the building up to accepted U.S. standards, are estimated at some $2.25m. Half of this sum will be loaned to the Israel Hotels Corporation by the Government.

The contract signed yesterday calls for the opening of the hotel within 24 months, but it is expected to be completed at a much earlier date — possibly by the spring of 1961 — Mr. Kollek said.

The hotel will expand first-class tourist accommodation in Tel Aviv by 300 rooms.

The new hotel will be managed by Mr. Eliezer Ottensoomer, at present manager of the Ramat Aviv. It is learned. He is to leave for the U.S. shortly to study the Sheraton chain's methods.

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Cheshin Advocated Reducing Lawyers' Articles to 1 Year

A proposal to change the present system of teaching law in Israel — by introducing a year of preliminary training aimed at giving the student a comprehensive insight into the practice of law — was drawn up by the late Justice S. Z. Cheshin, Deputy President of the Supreme Court, in a speech he prepared shortly before his death a fortnight ago.

His notes for the speech were found after his death and served as the basis for an address given on Wednesday by Justice Olshan, President of the Supreme Court, in welcoming 70 new lawyers to the bar. Among those who were called to the bar were Mr. Mishael Cheshin, son of the late Judge.

Judge Cheshin had been opposed to the current demand to extend from two to two-and-a-half years the period which a law student spends as an articled clerk. (The demand is aimed at discouraging students from entering the over-crowded profession.) "Lengthening the period would not lead to greater proficiency in law, but to degeneration," Justice Cheshin had written.

From 2 to 1 Year

Instead, he proposed reducing the period of articles from two years to one. The student would use the year thus gained for the pre-law course.

Justice Cheshin did not agree that the crisis in the profession arose from the ever-increasing number of lawyers, for it could never be said that there were too many lawyers who respect themselves and their profession." Advocates who viewed their work not as a career but as an ideal had unlimited possibilities before them.

The new lawyers at yesterday's ceremony were presented to Justice Olshan by Mr. Yosef Kokia, Acting Attorney-General. Present in the courtroom were Judge Y. Eisenberg, Director of Courts, and Messrs. Shlomo Mizrahi and Haim Krongold, of the Law Council.

Among those called to the bar were Mr. Avraham H. Friedgut, who began to practise law in Canada 37 years ago; Dr. Yeshayahu Tomarkin, who was jailed for two years in Rumania for his Zionist activities; and Messrs S. Weiss and Shmuel Nahmias, former judges in Yugoslavia. The new lawyers included 15 women.

Bulgarian Side Beat Haifa Maccabi 2:0

HAIFA. — The visiting Lokomotiv soccer team from Sofia beat Haifa Maccabi on Wednesday night 2:0 in a floodlit match at the city stadium here. Both goals were scored by left-half Kotkov, the star of the Bulgarian side.

Some 8,000 fans turned out to watch the game.

The Bulgarian team will play against Petah Tikva Hapoel on Monday, and the fourth and last game of their tour will be against a Haifa Selected on Tuesday.

Bees Do Bit for Exports

By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA.—Israel's bees are being set to work turning out a new export commodity. The first shipment, in the form of $33,000 worth of "Tony Royal," a mystic elixir prepared from bee secretions, has been shipped to Switzerland by Sana Ltd., a Tel Aviv pharmaceutical and chemical firm.

At a press conference in Kibbutz Alonim, where millions of bees are busy producing the raw material for the elixir, Mr. Y. Levy, Sana's manager, said that more would shortly be exported to Greece and Persia. With official encouragement, the export could be expanded to major proportions.

His company is currently campaigning for Government encouragement and Health Ministry recognition of the tonic as a medical preparation and would like production to be under Ministry supervision.

The kibbutz accountant, Mr. Zvi Binaare, said that he supplied the royal jelly, which serves as the raw material for the tonic, at IL1,500 a kilo to the factory. A daily dose contains 200 milligrams.

Last year, the kibbutz earned more from the 15 kg. of jelly produced than on honey. The bees are induced to produce larger quantities by the introduction of artificial queen bee cells into the hives, which they fill with the jelly.

Mr. Binaare explained that the jelly was a sort of bee milk which the bees secrete from a gland and feed the queen bee throughout her life.

He emphasized that the tonic was no substitute for medical treatment, but did induce general fitness. He used it himself and felt less tired as a result.

Treasury Meeting Changes In Income Tax Structure

POST Economic Reporter

The Inland Revenue authorities are considering various proposals for changes in income tax rates for the coming fiscal year, in view of the lag in tax collections during the current year, it is learned from Treasury sources.

It is felt that some of the backlog in unpaid taxes could be overcome by making income tax "less unattractive."

It is understood that some proposals call for increases in income tax rates, but the majority opinion is that the general rate of taxation will be kept close to present levels. This is mainly the result of opposing pressures in the Government coalition calling for both increases and reductions in income tax.

In order to prepare the ground for the announcement of the proposed changes, one of the measures under consideration was yesterday "leaked" to "Ma'ariv." This proposal calls for higher tax allowances for wives and children, and for lower tax rates on various levels of taxable income that remain after deduction of the allowances.

On the other hand, the proposal also calls for the elimination of the special exemptions that have been granted over the years to certain groups, e.g. the lower rates on productivity premiums, the tax exemption on literature allowances for various categories of academic employees, and the exemption of part of the cost-of-living allowance payment and overtime pay.

It is understood that these figures form only the basis for a working proposal and that no final decision has yet been taken on the matter.

Present and proposed income tax rates according to the proposal appearing in yesterday's "Ma'ariv". Taxable income is income left after basic deductions for taxpayer, his wife and children.

Present Rate of tax per additional IL of income		Proposed Rate of tax per additional IL of income
First IL1,500	23%	First IL1,500 23%
Second IL1,500	26% per. over IL1,500	Additional IL1,500 26% per. over IL1,500
Third IL1,500	29% per. over IL3,000	Additional IL1,500 29% per. over IL3,000
Fourth IL1,500	32% per. over IL4,500	Additional IL1,500 32% per. over IL4,500
Fifth IL1,500	35% per. over IL6,000	Additional IL1,500 35% per. over IL6,000
All additional income	38% per. over IL7,500	Additional income up to IL30,000 yearly 38% per. over IL7,500
		Over IL30,000 40% per. over IL30,000

Billy Graham Due Here in March

Billy Graham, the American evangelist, is to visit Israel for a week or 10 days from about March 20 and will address groups in Jerusalem, Tel Aviv and Nazareth.

This is reported in an article due to appear in next month's issue of "The Carolina Israelite," a copy of which has been sent by its editor and publisher Mr. Harry Golden, to *The Jerusalem Post*. Mr. Golden himself visited Israel recently.

In his article, he says that Dr. Graham, while in Haifa, will be the house guest of Mayor Abba Khoushy.

Mr. Golden adds: "I believe that today Billy Graham is one of the great philo-Semites among the Christian clergy of the Western world. I am not taking any chances at all when I predict that a very warm welcome awaits Billy Graham in Israel."

(Last month the Jordan Embassy in Washington stated that Dr. Graham is "no longer welcome in Jordan" because he had participated in "pro-Israel activities, including fund-raising.")

Anne Frank Haven Opened in Ne'urim

Jerusalem Post Reporter

KFAR VITKIN. — The eighth in a series of 12 Anne Frank havens in Youth Aliya centres was dedicated on Wednesday in the Ne'urim Agricultural Training School near here.

The "haven" project is under the auspices of Hadassah. The remaining four havens are to be set up during the course of this year.

Mr. Moshe Kol, the head of Youth Aliya, speaking to the large gathering, called for an increase in youth immigration to Israel in face of the recrudescence of anti-Semitic manifestations throughout the world. He stressed that the re-education of the German people is not the responsibility of the Jewish people but that of the Christian world.

Other speakers included Mrs. Rose Halperin, member of the Jewish Agency Executive in New York, Mrs. Julia Dushkin, Chairman of Hadassah Council in Israel, and Mrs. Bertha Schoolman, Chairman of Hadassah's Youth Aliya Committee, who was an initiator of the nation-wide project.

Film Censorship Rules Redefined

The Supreme Court on Wednesday redefined the basic principles which should guide the Film Censorship Board in approving or prohibiting a film showing.

The Court, ruling to discharge an order nisi against the Board, stated that it "is authorized to deny a licence to, or withdraw a licence from, any film or theatrical production whose showing is liable to offend good taste or corrupt morals. The film in our day is a medium of education and must be prevented from disseminating views considered undesirable by the public."

The judgment elaborates considerably on the vague wording of the Cinema Ordinance of 1927.

"Les Belles Bacchantes"

The order nisi had been granted to Dr. Marcelle Cherbo, owner of Globus Films of Tel Aviv, who had protested the Board's decision to prohibit the showing of "Les Belles Bacchantes." The film had originally been banned, then licensed for showing and then finally banned, following considerable press criticism during the six weeks it was screened in Tel Aviv.

Dr. Cohen had claimed that the Board's grounds for banning the film had been illegal, and in reply to the Board's charge that objections had been raised to its showing, produced a fat file of newspaper clippings voicing similar complaints against other films which had been licensed.

At this, Justice Silberg remarked: "There is no point in comparing films to determine which is more salacious."

Baby Smothered In Mother's Bed

TEL AVIV. — A 1½-month-old baby was found smothered to death in his mother's bed in the Jessie Cohen Housing Estate, Holon, on Wednesday morning.

The mother, an unmarried woman, aged 20, whose name was not released, was living in the flat of the brother of her child's father, who had taken her in after the birth of the child. She stated that she took the infant into her bed to nurse it about midnight, and had fallen asleep. She was found lying atop the baby, who was already dead in the morning. There was no evidence that death was not accidental. (Ilim)

Election Bill Passes 1st Reading

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

The Bill on Elections to the Jerusalem Municipality — which on Tuesday passed its "preliminary reading" and was referred to the Law Committee — yesterday passed its first reading after a two-hour debate. (Private Members' bills must undergo a "preliminary reading" in addition to the three customary readings.)

The vote was 39 to 32. The party division was the same as on the preliminary reading: Mapai, National Religious, Ahdut Ha'avoda, Progressives, and Aguda-Poalei Aguda, voted in favour, while Herut, Mapam, the General Zionists, and the Communists voted nay.

The Law Committee, which met yesterday morning, improved the wording of the bill, and also added a clause providing that a motion for a new ruling by the court must be submitted within seven days of the bill's passage.

The bill authorizes the court to recognize the ballots originally disqualified.

Speaking on behalf of the bill's four sponsors, Mr. Yitzhak Raphael (National Religious) said he had the impression that while everybody was interested in avoiding new elections, not everyone was willing to accept the responsibility of interfering with the court's judgment.

Bribery Can be Faked

In general, he said, he was against the voiding of elections — even where bribery was involved — because this would make it possible for each party to fake bribery cases so that it could later bring about new elections if it were dissatisfied with the results. Of course, the individuals guilty of bribery should be punished.

Mr. Yosef Shofman (Herut) said that after Mr. Raphael's speech he opposed the bill even more strongly than before. The next step would be for the Knesset to legislate against voiding elections, even though they may have been distorted by corruption or bribery.

There was a dangerous trend in the Knesset towards retroactive legislation, Mr. Shofman said. If this trend continued, the rule of law would be jeopardized. Laws should be formulated in general terms and should apply to the future. But retroactive laws, by their very nature, referred to concrete cases which had already occurred. The bill was a camouflaged attempt to dictate to the court what its judgment should be.

Mr. Haim Zadok (Mapai) expressed regret that the Government had decided not to intervene. Whichever way it might have decided, it was wrong of the Government to have taken the view that this was none of its affair.

Reply to Begin

As for Mr. Shofman, he well knew that there was no attempt here to instruct the court what to do. Mr. Zadok quoted from the speech made by Mr. Menahem Begin (Herut) five years ago in the debate on the bill to validate the election of Rabbi Yitzhak Nissim as Chief Rabbi. Mr. Begin's speech then in favour of the validating bill made it difficult to take Herut's present opposition to retroactive laws very seriously. (Mr. Begin, in a "personal statement," said later that there was no parallel between the two cases.)

Mr. Hanan Rubin (Mapam) said that the "chorus" objecting to the court's ruling became immediately after the judgment was handed down.

The shocking thing here was the attitude that court judgments could be referred to the Knesset for reconsideration.

And if retroactive legislation was to be shunned in general, it was particularly reprehensible when it applied to a court judgment, to a concrete case, and to an election.

Mr. Peretz Bernstein (General Zionist) said that the approach must not be whether it was convenient to hold elections. From the moral viewpoint, the area of elections was the most dangerous and the most sensitive, for here people were apt to stoop to actions which they would never think of committing in their personal lives. It would be wrong for the Knesset to intervene.

Opposition Questioned

Mr. Herzl Berger (Mapai) asked whether the bill ought to be opposed merely because of the fear that it might serve as a precedent for the passage of a less-justified validation law at some vague time in the future. The court had gone as far as it was permitted in criticizing the law, and the Knesset was doing no more than honouring the court's wishes.

Mr. Menahem Feyman (Agudat Yisrael) said that for the honour of Jerusalem it should not be lumped together with the municipalities in which new elections had been ordered because bribery had been discovered.

Dr. Shlomo Kaszovitz (Progressive) said that the court's judgment was to effect a request for aid from the Knesset.

Dr. Moshe Sneh (Communist) was opposed to a law designed to change an specific verdict. Henceforth, he said, judges will not have to know the law, but also to take into account possible validations laws which might follow the judgment.

The Law Committee is expected to rush the bill back to the House for its second and third readings early next week.

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FOREIGN capital investments in Israel reached a new dimension yesterday when a 20-year contract was signed SHERATON— in New York between the TEL AVIV Israel Hotels Corporation of Chicago and the Sheraton Hotel Company, establishing the "Sheraton-Tel Aviv" Hotel as the first member of this large chain outside the American hemisphere.

With 54 hotels in the United States (including Hawaii) and Canada, Sheraton are the largest hotel chain in America and one of the two largest in the world, but unlike the Hilton company, they have so far confined their operations to North America. Thus the agreement signed yesterday marked a new departure in Sheraton's practice and policy, and it is of particular significance that Israel should have been chosen as the first country for such a new and important venture on their part. In this connection it is also of interest that Sheraton Hotels, whose centre is in Boston, is an American business enterprise of long standing which has no Jewish capital interests whatever.

This new enterprise will be especially welcomed here in the face of the recent incidents in which important European firms have succumbed to the blackmail of the Arab boycott committee and have even broken formal contracts with Israel in order to qualify for potential Arab customers. It is only a coincidence, but nevertheless noteworthy, that on the day of the signing of the Sheraton agreement it was also announced that a new Foreign Ministry Division for Political and Economic Planning — read economic warfare — has been established. The new division is to engage in research on the various political factors involved in the advancement of — or hindrance to—Israel's economy. It would thus appear that future projects of this kind would be very much within the scope of the new Division's activities.

The "Sheraton-Tel Aviv" agreement has come also on the eve of the commencement of activities abroad of the Government's "Third Arm"; the encouragement of foreign investments, and may be taken as a good omen for the country's economic expansion in that direction. This enterprise involves foreign investments of three-and-a-quarter million dollars, enabling the completion of the Tel Aviv landmark that has been familiar for too many years as the unfinished building of the Nordau-Plaza Hotel. The agreement is based on purely business considerations and serves as further proof that Israel is becoming a better risk for foreign capital.

So much for the politico-economic significance of the new enterprise which is to contribute directly to the development of Israel's growing tourist trade. The proper accommodation of the increasing number of visitors who each year make Israel their holiday destination will make it necessary to add some 2,000 hotel rooms during the next three years. This will require the investment of some IL70m. The 300 rooms of the "Sheraton-Tel Aviv" which are to open by the end of this year and which are to be more than doubled in the near future can thus be expected to advance the tourist trade considerably by raising our standards to an international level.

The Government Tourist Corporation and the Israel Investment Centre in New York are to be credited with the major share in the successful conclusion of negotiations which will add the name of Israel to the map of this first-class hotel chain. "Sheraton-Tel Aviv" is creating a new partnership in Israel's economy which may pave the way for many more projects of a similar kind, attracting both more tourists and additional foreign capital investments, thus bringing Israel closer to its ultimate aim of economic independence.

PARIS LETTER — By Israel Naamani

Debre Cabinet in Difficulties

PARIS—M. Pinay's departure from the Ministry of Finance means that President de Gaulle has opted for a radically new economic policy, which in turn is liable to have far-reaching international repercussions.

For some time there had been conflicts between Minister of Industry Jeanneney and Minister of Finance Pinay. The former advocated more state controls to ensure high-ey capital investments and a higher rate of industrial development; he also urged the inclusion of workers' delegates in company boards. These proposals M. Pinay rejected as contrary to all his conservative *laissez-faire* principles.

But there was another bone of contention — oil, more specifically the exploitation of the Sahara oil. M. Pinay wanted France to cooperate with the world cartel of oil companies, Jeanneney preferred to follow the example of the Italians and set up a national oil company in competition with the cartel. President de Gaulle has chosen the latter course. This signifies that France will henceforth be competing with a mighty cartel whose leanings are pro-Arab because its oil interests are largely situated in Arab countries of the Middle East.

Political Ambitions

Both Jeanneney and Pinay are regarded as candidates for higher office: the first is rumoured to have chances of becoming France's next Prime Minister, when de Gaulle decides that Debré should go, while the second is believed to regard himself as the top candidate for the Presidency when de Gaulle's day is over.

Up to the last moment there were sceptics who questioned Pinay's intention to leave the Rue de Rivoli and who maliciously quoted Debré as saying, after a recent sharp dispute, "Allow me to note that you have just told me for the 31st time of your intention to resign."

It remains to be seen if, after the forthcoming Cabinet reshuffle, concord and cooperation will be restored to the Government. Harmony has been lacking notwithstanding the fact that Ministers are now practically independent of party ties.

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"Our (political) institutions assure the State of the efficacy and authority it needs in order to act... In the political, social, educational and other fields the Government will do everything to replace the quarrels of past times with concord and cooperation... (between the various elements) of the French nation."

Thus General de Gaulle to the French nation in his New Year message. His speech was broadcast only because the striking newsmen, technicians and office staff of the national RTF radio and television system had consented to interrupt their strike in deference to the President. As these lines are written, the official radio has been virtually paralysed for a week and no agreement is in sight; the television screen is bare, and the uninterrupted recorded music being broadcast, though pleasant enough, is not exactly what listeners expect. And the RTF strike is not the only proof that the Fourth Republic has not buried all dissension in France.

Much has been written in France recently on the problem of state subsidies to the non-Governmental schools, which in practice means the schools of the Catholic Church. As soon as it was formed, the Debré Government promised to find a compromise solution that would be acceptable to the majority of the nation and thus really final. A commission representing pro- and anti-clericals was formed, and after heated debates in the Cabinet the Government worked out a bill that largely favoured the non-Governmental schools but was still acceptable to the anti-clerical Ministers.

All Dissatisfied

At the National Assembly, however, the bill met with opposition not only from the Left: the Catholic Church, too, was dissatisfied.

A weak Government of the Fourth Republic might have yielded to pressure in such a situation; the Debré Government did exactly that, introducing an amendment designed to appease the Church. Minister of Education, Boulloche, who had signed the original bill, saw himself obliged to resign, and Guy Mollet, the Socialist leader, declared that when the anti-clericals are the majority again they will draw the appropriate conclusion from the Government's uncompromising attitude by nationalising all private schools.

Only by assuming that the Right will remain in power for ever can one consider the present arrangement the "really final settlement" which the Government had promised.

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The frictions and other faults with which de Gaulle hoped to do away by introducing his new Constitution have gone so far that the President warned his Ministers at a recent Cabinet meeting that he might consider dissolving the National Assembly and even firing the Cabinet unless things improved soon. Neither Auriol nor Coty, however, had the constitutional authority for such a warning, and here perhaps lies the greatest difference between France's past system and her new institutions.

HEARD ABROAD

We should not look for Communists behind a bush when we ourselves are sitting behind it. —
Professor Franz Boehm, member of the West German Bundestag, on the Nazi outrages.

Whether we are Communist or Methodist, religious or irreligious, Khrushchev is our man.—
Dr. Donald Soper, on disarmament.

BURIED BUT NOT DEAD

U.N. still investigate resurgent anti-Semitism.

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Unedifying Teachers

ADDRESSING the secondary school teachers on their "We are ready for anything" attitude, Davar (Histadrut) says that even if they are convinced of the justice of their cause, this is no way to achieve their demands. They are at war with the Teachers Union, the Histadrut, the Government; indeed! with the public, and vent their spite on the students and their parents. Although they are educators, they are using uneducational and anti-educational methods.

Ha'aretz (non-party) writes that many Americans seem to think that the Middle East today is calm since nothing has come up to disturb the lull. But from our point of view, we who are familiar with the truth that the elements that may tomorrow whip up a storm have not been eliminated, this is a superficial conclusion. It is true that we have had worse days and that the weather forecast in Middle East political life is only "partly cloudy." But this is far from "bright and clear" and the clouds are apt to darken at any moment.

Herut writes that the Soviet admission of anti-Semitism in Russia in connection with the reported Malakhovka arrests proves that the hatred of Jews is still rife in the U.S.S.R. and that the regime has failed to undermine the adherence of the Jews to their faith and nation. In other words, Russia has failed to solve the Jewish problem. There is only one place that can, and we are waiting for Russia to realize it.

Al Hamishmar (Mapam) lauds the inauguration of Kol Yisrael broadcasts to Africa as an effort that should be expanded in the course of time but warns that it will prove ineffective unless it is accompanied by a policy of non-identification with any of the rival world blocs. It is only through independent action that we shall be able to convince the countries with whom we desire to establish friendly ties that we are sincere.

Omer (Histadrut) writes that the "procedural" stand adopted by the Western powers' delegates together with Nasser's representative at U.N. on the question of the neo-Nazi threat, smacks of being part of the policy of appeasement of the Arabs, and there is no doubt that their abstaining from voting on the priority of dealing with the wave of anti-Semitism will only serve to encourage those who are riding on its crest.

Readers' Letters

'WE-TOLD-YOU-SO'

Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Sir,—The somewhat gloating "we-told-you-so" attitude of most of the Israel papers with regard to the anti-Semitic wall smearing appears to me to be senseless and dangerous. To tell the world and the Jews living abroad that these occurrences should be a signal for Jews to leave their countries and to settle in Israel is neither realistic nor helpful in fighting anti-Semitism. At this very moment, it rather underlines the Nazi slogan "Juden raus!"

It appears to me that Israel's task, in addition to building a Jewish homeland, should be the defence of Jewish rights—and, for that matter, human rights and minority rights in general. The fight against anti-Semitism and any kind of intolerance is a truly cosmopolitical task and should be fought this way.

Yours etc., *A. DAVIDSOHN*
Haifa, January 8.

FOREIGN EARNINGS

Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Sir,—I read in today's issue of *The Jerusalem Post* that a suggestion to grant an exchange rate of IL2.160 to $1 to immigrants and temporary residents is being considered by the authorities.

In this connection, I should like to ask the Ministry of Finance whether Israel journalists who work for foreign newspapers should not be granted "export" privileges instead of continuing to receive the unrealistic IL1.800 rate for their hard-earned foreign currency which goes to the Israel Treasury?

Whilst on this subject, and although I firmly believe in the stability of the Israel pound, I should like to know, as a matter of interest, whether the Minister of Finance enjoys legal powers to order banks, at any future date, to liquidate Israel Pamaz Accounts held by Israel journalists with these banks, or whether this requires a special law of the Knesset (it eign currency in the Pamaz account originated from paybeing understood that the former for the journalist's work). The implication is that the Treasury may decide to liquidate such accounts just before an imminent devaluation, for instance, to avoid having to pay the higher rate to account holders.

Yours, etc.,
A. LEVI

Treasury Replies

In accordance with the decisions of the Committee for the Encouragement of Exports, no premium is given on foreign currency income which is derived from services. The income mentioned by your correspondent falls into this category.

Israel Pamaz or Pazak (*pikdonot zarim*) accounts and the rights they entail are defined in para. 11/c of the instructions issued by the Foreign Currency Controller, which are based on the Defence Regulations (Finance) 1941.

SHLOMO AMIR,
Director of the Information and Public Relations Department. The Treasury.
Jerusalem, December 21.

GLASWEGIANS

Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — The Glasgow Branch of the *Poale Zion* has decided to plant a grove of trees in one of the J.N.F. forests in the name of the late Harry Furst, who was a devoted Zionist all his life and is now buried in the Jewish Legion Veterans' village of Avihail. We have been asked to arrange for the contributions of all former Glaswegians now in Israel who knew and respected Harry Furst, to be added to the total.

Would all those willing to participate please send their contributions, at the rate of IL1 per tree, to us at the following address: Benzion House, 2, Kiryat Moshe, Jerusalem?

Yours, etc.
HVA and MISHA LOUVISH
Jerusalem, January 4.

Crazy Shocks Await Spacemen

Astronauts' Heart and Brain Liable to Waste Away

By Dr. ABRAHAM MARCUS

Man is the one machine that engineers cannot adapt for space flight. His hold on life depends on the constancy of his internal environment, the fluid that bathes his body cells, a principle enunciated over a hundred years ago by the great French physiologist, Claude Bernard. And this, in turn, depends on the constancy of the external environment.

Everywhere that man has adventured in his own world he has had to remember this, carrying his environment with him as the snail does his shell. Now that he is about to be launched into space, the preservation of this principle, the condition of a free existence, as Bernard said, becomes more difficult than ever before.

To get into orbit round the earth the space cabin, climbing vertically, will have to reach a velocity of at least 18,000 miles per hour. The occupants will experience an apparent increase in gravity, depending on the acceleration achieved, just as one feels pressed to the floor when going up in a fast lift. To reach orbital velocity in 10 minutes would require an acceleration of three times the force of gravity, of 3G; in two minutes of 10G.

Red-Out

The engineers need a very high initial velocity for the "get-away" and the problem is how much acceleration the body can tolerate. Gravity determines weight. As acceleration increases, so does the pull of gravity. At 5G. a man would weigh 800 lb.; lifting his arms would be very hard work.

If this pull were acting in the long axis of the body, from head to foot, the circulation would be severely affected. The blood is too heavy, and the work of the heart is increased. Above the heart, where it has to work against this enormous tug of gravity, blood pressure falls. It increases below the heart; the pumping action is augmented by the tug.

This is the cause of the "blackout" at a force of 3½G. or more, when pressure is too low to send blood through the vessels of the eye. The astronaut would still be conscious. A little later blood pressure at the base of the brain falls to zero, and consciousness is lost. The heart, in response to the various physiological corrective mechanisms, tries to pump out more blood and keep up the pressure by beating faster, but output steadily drops, and collapse is inevitable.

If the force were to act in the opposite direction, from foot to head, the dynamics are reversed and the effects are more serious. Blood engorges the head and eyes. "Red-out" occurs at 3G. Then tiny pin-point haemorrhages spatter face and eyes. Blood pressure above the heart is increased; the vessels of feet and legs are emptied. Again the heart tries to respond, the one aim being to preserve the function of the brain, by slowing down and pumping out less blood. Its rhythm becomes disordered. It may stop for several seconds. Man can stand 3G. acting from head to foot for long periods. In the reverse direction, from foot to head, he has had enough in 10 seconds.

Weightlessness

This circulatory embarrassment, whether one is standing on one's feet or on one's head, is due to the long vertical distance between heart and brain. The blood must move straight up or straight down. If the blood could move on the level this effect would disappear. The simple manoeuvre is to lie down at right angles to the direction of the force, so that it is applied through the fore and aft axis of the body. In this position heart and brain are on the same horizontal plane. The pull of gravity is neutralized.

If the spaceman is given a well-designed, well-padded couch, for he is going to weigh up to two-thirds of a ton, he can stand about 10G., with some difficulty in respiration due to the weight of his own chest. He will not be able to carry out any complicated manipulations; his hand will be as heavy as lead is on earth.

After its last stage, beyond the earth's pull, the rocket carrying the space cabin is in "free fall." Gravity is zero, so is weight. One can simulate this condition of weightlessness only for a few tenths of a second by jumping from a high wall. An aircraft flying in a carefully-calculated parabola curve can produce it for 30 seconds or more. But we are left to speculate on the effect of really prolonged exposure to weightlessness.

The key to the situation is to remember that nothing here has weight. Therefore activities that rely on difference in weight cannot be performed. A glass of water may be picked up. On inverting it to drink, the water will not run out of the glass.

Disorientation

Very few of our vital functions are entirely dependent on gravity. Inspiration is a voluntary muscular action. Expiration is an elastic recoil of the chest wall. But since nothing has weight and cannot move by virtue of weight, the sleeping man may suffocate from the pall of expired carbon dioxide gas that would hang about his head.

Swallowing and digestion, mainly muscular activities, will not be hindered by weightlessness. Drinking will be a difficulty and a possible danger. A straw will have to be used or a special bottle to squirt fluid into the mouth.

Urination will not be difficult; again it is helped by the muscular activity of bladder and abdominal wall. In the performance of other excretory functions, where gravity plays a bigger part, some trouble will be experienced unless the ingenuity of those who are designing special toilet facilities for space is successful.

Since one's body is weightless, little effort will be needed to move about.

Perception will be altered, for without weight there can be no sensation of falling, no "up" or "down." The balancing organs of his ears will give him no information. Their action depends on gravity. The fluid in the internal canals of the ear, whose normal movement in accord with gravity sets off informative nerve impulses, will still possess inertia because of its mass. So, on moving his head, the fluid will lag behind, and the spaceman will be confused by misinformation about position from his ears, conflicting with the evidence of his eyes. It is possible that serious disorientation could result unless he learns to ignore his ears.

The problem of weightlessness, possibly, can be solved by acclimatization. An obvious device would be the installation of machines to create artificial gravity. One question can be answered only by experience — whether his excursion into space will cause the astronaut any permanent harm. The small amount of work his muscles will do could, it is said, lead to disuse atrophy — wasting from lack of the stimulus of work.

The dynamic equilibrium of the cardiovascular system might also be disturbed. The heart will be asked for only a small effort to pump blood round the body, enough to overcome frictional resistance in the system and the viscosity of the blood. On earth this amount of force would be quite useless in maintaining blood pressure and blood supply to the brain. This, too, could lead to disuse atrophy and wasting of heart muscle. Readaptation to normal conditions at sea-level could be difficult.

The first act of the conquering space-hero on returning to earth to enjoy his triumph may be to fall flat on his face in a dead faint.

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NO VISAS FOR CORPSES

By DAVID L. K. WONG

HONG KONG (NANA). — FIVE thousand Chinese corpses, encased neatly in 5,000 coffins, stand in a warehouse in Hong Kong as a testimony that the Bamboo Curtain divides both the living and the dead.

The corpses are those of overseas Chinese from all parts of the world who had expressed a desire to be buried in the land of their ancestors. They were sent to the Tung Wah group of hospitals here by their families for trans-shipment to China. Many of them come from America.

Since the Communists came to power ten years ago, however, they have refused permission for the coffins to be shipped to China. So they have been accumulating here in a warehouse. No one knows what will happen to them eventually.

In China itself, the Communists are now making coffins with sliding bottoms, so that the corpses can be disposed of and the coffins retained for further use. The move is designed to save timber as the forests in China have been greatly depleted over the centuries.

KEEPING POSTED

WE personally have preserved a weakness for the romantic sweep of the empty desert, sand or stone, or even gravel, with an occasional tamarisk tree in a dip in a valley, and just the shadow of a gazelle disappearing up a *wadi*. True, all this can best be enjoyed from a car on the road: the car you yourself are sitting in does not spoil the view. By these standards, a petrol station in the desert should be the ultimate outrage, as bad in its way as the little pseudo-rustic stone cottages that conceal petrol pumps on the

parkways in New York State. There is a new Sonol station, rather more than an hour's drive north of Eilat, but more important when you come from the north and get there with a good hour to drive before you reach Eilat. Instead of fodder for the camels and dates for the wayfarers, as in the old-style oasis, there is petrol and oil and a whiff of Negev air for the tyres, only the water has stayed the same, rather brackish. For the driver and the courageous foreign tourist there is a little cafe where the food is not worse than in Tel Aviv and not much more expensive. If, however, you took the rough atmosphere of the place — operated by ex-soldiers who came to prefer the Negev, and are not above dressing the part—you could sell it bottled on Rehov Dizengoff and make a fortune. They are not doing so badly even down there, it seems.

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THERE has been quite a stir in the usually unruffled series of diplomatic cocktail parties as the result of an invitation that has gone out from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs for a special fourth-month course in Oriental and Israel archaeology, including field trips. Only about 40 students can be accommodated, and the list was fully subscribed almost at once, several heads of missions signing up and a number of diplomats' wives. It is all really based on the idea of our old friend, Glubb Pasha, once upon a time the Commander of the Jordan Arab Legion, that the real reason why Israelis take such an inordinate interest in archaeology is that the best proof of their earlier occupation of this country is to be found underground.

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PERHAPS somebody has decided that altogether our diplomats have a dull time of it. The Technical Assistance Department in the Prime Minister's Office decided that the wives of Technical Assistance people did not get around enough and sent out invitations to a hen party (decorated with a Chagall-type hen) to assorted ladies from U.S.O.M., U.N.T.S.O. — an innovation, this — and the diplomatic corps. They distributed copies of a little book entitled "The Stranger Within Thy Gates," consisting of advice to foreign visitors on how to get along in Israel. It is the work of Alice Campbell Klein, wife of Professor Philip Klein, who came here to study our social welfare system and advise on improvements, and it seems she looked at average Israelis while her husband looked at the welfare cases. As a result, not only are most of her facts correct, but she has even discovered that most of the curious customs of the ordinary Israeli, such as sleeping in the living room and not drinking whiskey, are due to lack of money rather than tribal taboos. All guests wore a name tag to make it easier to get acquainted, and there was a programme of Israel and American songs. If you want to know whether the party was a success, we can only tell you that an average of four cups of tea or coffee was consumed by the guests in the course of the evening, and you may draw your own conclusions.

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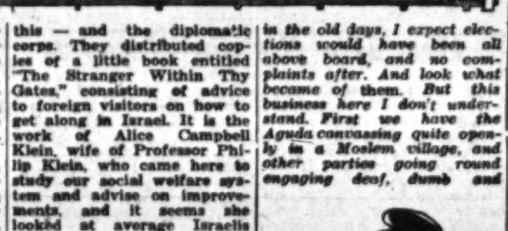
"THERE were always two kinds of countries," said our philosophical grocer. "Where I come from, Rumania, well, in the old days nobody would have expected elections to be run honestly. They don't seem to have elections at all there, now. But in the old days the King would have bought half the votes and the oil millionaires the other half, with the Jews to arrange matters. And nobody would have come later to make trouble. In Germany, in the old days, I expect elections would have been all above board, and no complaints after. And look what became of them. But this business here I don't understand. First we have the Agudа canvassing quite openly in a Moslem village, and other parties going round engaging deaf, dumb and

crippled activists for their party for election day at IL10 each. Everybody talks about it, and says you are a fool if you can't get money from at least two parties to vote for them. Rumania all over again. But afterwards they all suddenly go to court and protest that they were bribed and the courts are outraged and say "Ordnung muss sein," or whatever it is the Germans say when they wipe the swastikas off the walls. What I want to know is, will the parties take on activists again for the new elections in Rehovot, and will a fellow be able to make a steady living that way?"

Today's contributors include A., Haifa, J. Sherr, California, and S.S., Jerusalem.



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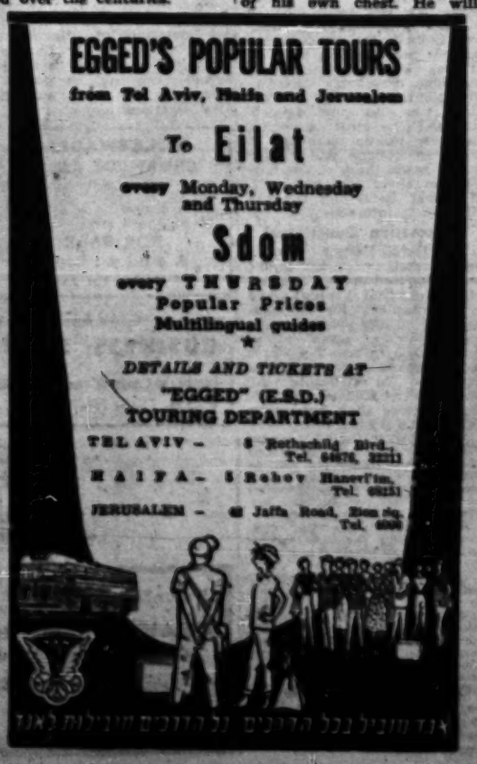

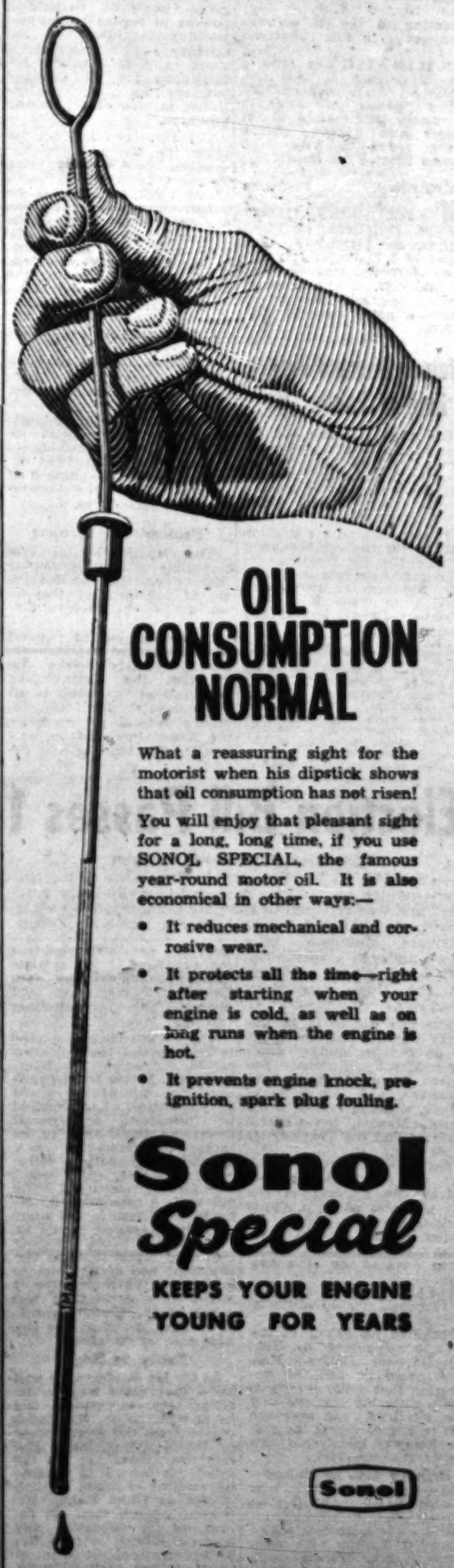

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